

Beloved Adhyaphya:

Usually it is well to check up a little on the writings of the past and compare them with the knowledge that one is receiving. I am going to discuss with you, therefore, the "Secret Doctrine", or at least study it a little in its presentation of the Atom.

Atoms are called 'vibrations' in Occultism; also "sound" collectively. The waves and undulations of Science are produced by Atoms propelling their molecules from within. Atoms fill the immensity of space and by their vibrations are that motion which keeps the wheels of Life perpetually going. (I want you to study this now as we go along and see the multitude of thots that arise from what I give you from this study of the Secret Doctrine, and how they correlate with the things which you have been learning.) It is this inner work that produces the natural phenomenon called the Correlation of Forces. As described by Seers, they are dazzling like specks of virgin snow in radiant sunlight. Their velocity is swifter than that; their motion is circular; the whole atmosphere seems ablaze with them. At times the intensity of their motion produces flashes like the Aurora Borealis. The Light is marvelous and the Seer is filled with awe at the thot of other, still Greater Mysteries that lie beyond and within the radiant ocean.

No finite mind can conceive what power it is that gives to each etheric Atom its inconceivable velocity of rotation. The area of such an Atom presents, in the attractive or magnetic stresses, all the receptive forces and all the antagonistic forces that characterize a planet of the largest magnitude; the perfect equation remains the same. When this minute centre has once been fixed, the power to rend it from its position would necessarily have to be so great as to displace a planet. When this atomic centre is displaced, the planet must go with it.

The law of vertical movement in primordial matter is one of the oldest conceptions of Greek philosophy, whose first historical Sages were nearly all Initiates of the Mysteries.

The old Initiates taught the Evolution of the Atoms on our physical plane and their first differentiation from Laya into Pretyle. The Vendantins taught that, before Evolution began, Nature was in a condition of Laya or monogeneity, as matter exists in two conditions- latent and differentiated. Then it became atomic. It teaches of a substance not subject to the qualities of matter and of which the bodies of the Gods are formed, - that every particle or atom of divine Energy contains the Divine Life and is the body of that Divine Life.

The term protyle means pre-matter, the primordial and homogeneous substance, suspected, if not actually yet found, by Science in the ultimate conception of the Atom. The incipient segregation of primordial matter into atoms and molecules takes its rise subsequent to the Evolution of the seven protyles.

Primordial matter, before it emerges from the plane of the never-manifesting and awakens to the thrill of action under the impulse of Spirit, is but a cool radiance, colorless, formless, tasteless and devoid of every quality and aspect. Some of the seven primal 'Centers of Force' or Atoms, develop later into the Great Cosmic Elements, (Akashic, Etherial, Watery and Fiery) now divided into the Sub-Elements known to Science.

It is an inherent law, not only in the Primordial, but also in manifested matter, that there is no rest or cessation of motion in nature, that which seems rest is only the change from one form into another; change of substance going hand-in-hand with that of form.

No physical intellect can limit the laws which govern the changes in the conditions and 'being' in the atoms of primordial chaos, or know anything certain about the capabilities and potency of the atom and molecule. They may differ in their constitution along the lines of the planes of existence, as the soul-substance differs from the body. Each atom has seven phases of being, or existence. Each phase is governed by its specific laws of evolution and absorption.

An atom, as represented by Science, is not a particle of Something, animated by a psychic Something, destined to become a Man, but a concrete manifestation of the Universal Energy. Wherever there is an Atom of matter, even in its most gaseous condition, there is life in it, however latent and unconscious.

Primordial matter, separating and differentiating under the impulse of Cosmic law, divides itself into a septenary gradation of substance which generates 'Divine Essences', whose principles are the 'Primary Elements', the Sub-Elements, the Physical Energies and Subjective and Objective Matter.

Esoteric doctrine teaches the existence of an antecedent form of energy having periodic Cycles of ebb and swell, rest and activity. Science teaches that the first-born element, most nearly allied to protyle, would be hydrogen. Old Science would call hydrogen (and oxygen) the 'Spirit': the Noumenon of that which becomes, in its grossest form, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen on earth. Nitrogen being of no dense origin, but merely an earth-born cement for uniting other gases and fluids and serving as a Sponge to carry in itself the 'Breath of Life'—pure air. Before these gases and fluids became what they are in our atmosphere, they were interstellar Ether; still earlier, and on a deeper plane, something else and so on infinitum.

Draw a deep line in your thought between the ever incognizable 'Essence' and the invisible, yet comprehensible 'Presence' from beyond and thru which vibrates the sound of the 'Verbum' and from which evolve the numberless Hierarchies of conscious and semi-conscious Beings whose essence is spiritual Force, whose substance is the elements and whose bodies (when needed) are the atoms. These may be separated into three distinct 'Hosts'. (1) Gods, or conscious Spiritual Egos, who work after the plan in the Divine Mind. (2) Elementals or Monads, who form collectively and unconsciously the universal mirrors of everything connected with these respective realms. (3) Atoms, or material molecules which are informed in their turn by their perceptive Monads, just as every cell in the human body is so informed. There are shoals of such informed atoms, which in their turn inform the molecules. Atoms and Monads, associated or dissociated, simple or compound, are, from the moment of the first differentiation, but the 'principles', corporeal, psychic and spiritual, of the 'Gods'; themselves the radiation of primordial nature.

Thus to the eye of the Seer, the higher planetary Powers appear under two aspects: (a) the subjective, as influences, (b) the objective, as mystic forms, which under Karmic Law become a 'Presence' — Spirit and Matter being one.

Our globe has its own special laboratory on the far away outskirts of our atmosphere, crossing to its primordial nature. The Noumenon of the Atom is the Conscious Cause.

The Atom, being elastic, is divisible and must consist of particles and sub-atoms. Infinite divisibility of atoms resolves matter into simple centers of force and precludes the possibility of conceiving

matter as an objective substance. Accept the teachings of Occultism and (the blind inertia of physical Science being replaced by the intelligent active Powers behind the veil of matter), motion and inertia become subservient to those powers. It is on the doctrine of the illusive nature of matter that the whole Science of Occultism is built.

The Atoms, emanated from the central point, emanate in their turn new centers of energy, which under the potential breath of Spirit, begin their work from within and multiply other minor centers. These, in the course of involution and evolution form in their turn the roots and developing causes of new effects, from worlds down to general species and classes of all the seven Kingdoms, of which we know only four. The Atom theory kills materialism.

"....Whatever makes the past glorious and memorable is the result of a mastering enthusiasm.

Nothing of worth ever came of vanity or apathy. The Souls that have headed every noble advance have been fully awakened Souls.

Those who have given the world its highest art, its noblest liberty; who have discovered its new continents or its new planets, or have reformed its religion, have been those who were strangers to all indifference, and were completely enthralled by the beauty or necessity of the thing to be done.

Everywhere victory awaits earnestness. Man is never more joyous than when he is under subjection to the subtle influences. Then he is capable of his highest acts; then he is most fearless, then most self-sacrificing; then most ready to undertake every difficult, noble task, and to scout the very idea of impossibility."

(From the Hidden Way Across the Threshold.)

In the Bonds of the Eternal Brotherhood.